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German Democratic Republic

REPORT ON VWV ROSTOCK (4pp; German; 2 May 52; [redacted])

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[redacted] the shipyards of the VWV (Federation of People-Owned Shipyards), Rostock, and the yards which are directly administered by the Ministry [the report probably means the Main Administration for Shipbuilding].

The numbers of workers at the various yards are listed (e.g., 2,280 at Rothensee; 2,073 at Rosslau; 822 at Gehlsdorf; 6,725 at Wismar). The production programs for 1952 for reparations, for export, for GDR needs, and for the Sea Police are indicated. The report also gives the production program for 1952 of the directly administered yards of Koepenick, Stralsund, Warnow Yards (Warnemuende), Wismar, and the Peene Yard (Wolgast).

The report states that material shortages, particularly of 6 - 7 mm sheet metal, plague all the yards. The report says that some rolled products obtained by a secret arrangement from the West turned out to be unsuited for shipbuilding purposes.

The report contains some financial information: that the yards had unfavorable balances for 1951; that there is a great discrepancy between the actual production costs and the price credited for reparation items, e.g., a trawler costs about 4 million Deutsche marks to produce and is ~~maintained~~ credited at 2.3 millions.

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